

Missions

Report of the Chicago Church Fund for the Week Ending November 30

Amount previously reported,	\$ 701 01
Brethren Sunday-school, Myersdale, Pa.,	5 00
Junior S S C. E., Myersdale, Pa.,	5 00
S. S. C. E., Myersdale, Pa.,	25 00
Brethren church Myersdale, Pa.,	40 00
A Sister, Centreburg, O.,	1 00
I. J. Thomas, New Virginia, Ia.,	2 60
S. S. C. E., Roann, Ind.,	5 00
From Battle Creek,	10 00
H. B. Lehman, Glendale, Ariz.,	10 00
Mrs. Clara Hoover, Gardner, Kan.,	5 00
Mary K. Fair, Hardy, Neb.,	5 00
A Brother, Philadelphia,	1 00
Total,	\$ 815 61
Philadelphia Brethren church,	75 00
Total,	\$ 890 61

This report shows that there has been but a pitifully small response to the call for the Chicago church thus far. Why such a difference between the response for Washington and Chicago. Are souls less precious in Chicago than Washington?

If there is any city in the United States where we naturally need a church it is in Chicago, the center of the Brethren church in our country.

If there is a failure to raise the needed money the blame will rest upon the pastors, whose bounden duty it is to represent the general interests of the church.

We do not need the money until the last week in December, but we do need to know how much we can depend on at once.

JACOB C CASSEL,
Secretary.

Chicago Mission

We are now in our new church. Brother Gnagey, our esteemed editor, was invited to be with us last Sunday, November 24, and to preach the first sermon in our new and splendid place of worship. He came, and gave us a very practical Bible sermon, emphasizing the life purpose of the Master. "While enemies plotted against him, he steadfastly prosecuted the work of the Father, and gave no heed to the program of his enemies." It was a practical, strong and clear exposition of the mission of our Savior, and well adapted to the occasion. The attendance at the Sunday-school last Sunday was 103. Interest is growing all along the line. Will write more about it in my next.

Just now I wish to say something about our church property. We have just what we need. We could not have selected a better location. We present in this issue a picture of the church and parsonage, also a partial interior view of the church. Perhaps a description of the building will be interesting to our friends. The total length of the building is 56 feet; width 40 feet. Good basement under the whole building. It is constructed of brick and stone, with pressed brick front. Two main entry ways and side door. At the rear there are two rooms, one 24x15 feet and one 15x15. Sliding partitions between, so that all can be thrown into one room when desired. We have recently had the interior repainted, enlarged the platform so as to admit of a baptistry. The

walls and ceilings are painted a light blue, and wainscoting is hard pine finish. The pews and pulpit furniture are of oak. Pews circular. Altogether it presents a very beautiful and comfortable appearance. The building is heated with a furnace. The main audience room is 40x38 feet, with raised floor, and lighted with gas. The parsonage is a frame building, with good basement under the whole building, two stories high, heated by furnace, and contains twelve rooms. Having been rented out to families for residence, prior to our purchase of it, it will be understood that it needs some repairs, but nothing that will be expensive, and indeed we will do most of it ourselves. Brother Samuel Fitz, of Astoria, Ill., was a caller this week, and when looking over the property, remarked, "You could scarcely build this Church for six thousand dollars, let alone the three lots and parsonage." One of the leaders of the congregation that originally built the parsonage and church, says that the church cost over five thousand dollars, making a total cost

ards of the Lord; will we bring in the tithes? Read Malachi 3rd chapter.

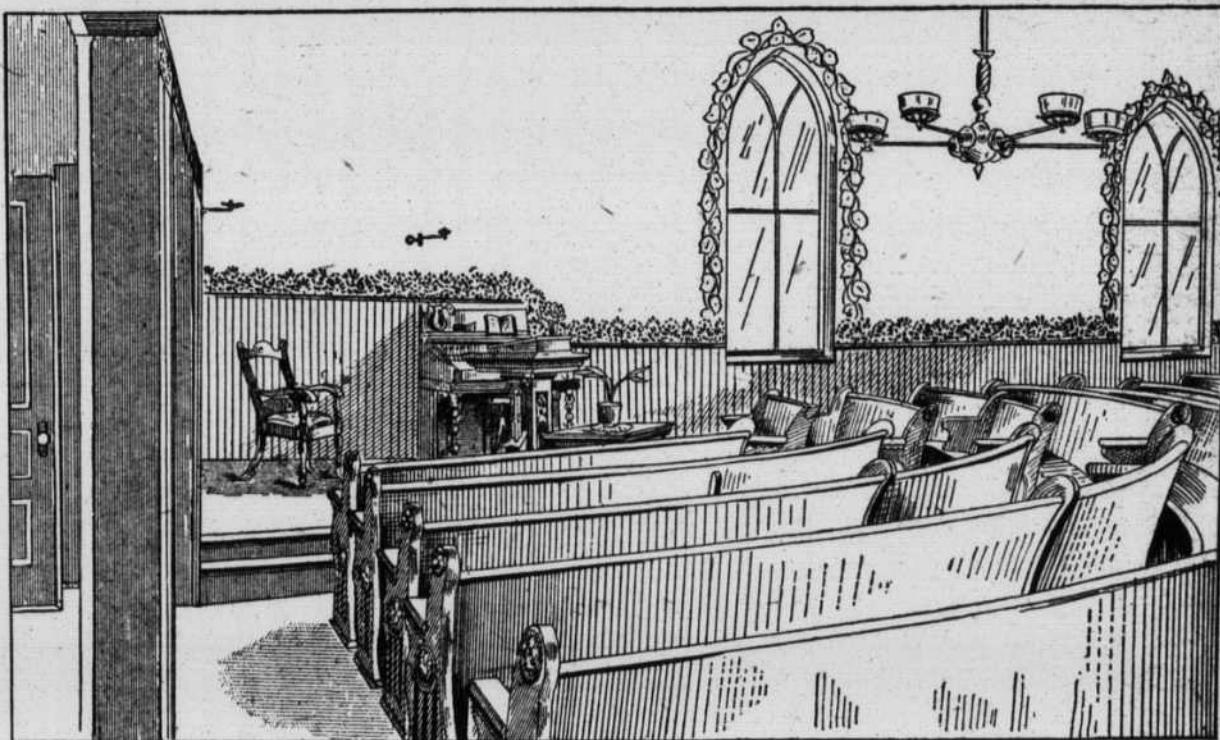
I note with joy the liberality of the Johnstown, and Meyersdale churches. Brother Fitz said while looking over the property this week, "I think the Board did the right thing," and here is \$20.00 toward it. Bro. Fitz, is a dealer in building material, and knows a bargain when he sees it. All moneys will be reported by Bro. Cassell each week.

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From the National Capital

Last week I wrote from Linwood, Maryland; was there six nights; the first four, the weather was fine, the attendance good and everything promising, but on the fifth day, "the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew," and the people returned not at all that night; the next day the weather was somewhat improved, but we had reached the limit of our visit in point of time, and so had to close the meetings; had we had fair weather for the closing we be-



CHICAGO CHURCH—INTERIOR VIEW

of the property some thing over twelve thousand dollars. Now we have been enabled to obtain this property for six thousand dollars. The interest on the whole amount would be only \$300.00 per year, while our rents used to be \$420.00. But we do not wish to pay interest. Let us raise all we can to pay down on it, and have just as little interest to pay as possible. Of the many brethren who have seen the property, all unite in saying that it is a bargain, not soon to be had again. It is the leading of the Lord. From the time the work was started in this city, it had been a problem with me, how we were to acquire property, or a place to worship, seeing real estate was so high. I have prayed over it, and meditated on it of nights while others slept. The present situation is the Lord's answer to our prayers. He has done His part. Will we do ours? Wonderful have been the blessings of the Lord on this country and people, so that we are enriched in every thing. But we are but stew-

lieve there would have been a large attendance.

No accessions this time but we are confident that much good was done; the reaping time will come later, and we praise God anyhow.

"When we cannot see our way,
Let us trust and still obey."

Paul says, (I Thess. 5:18) "In everything give thanks: for this the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." "In everything,"—that must mean in the rain and storm, as well as in the fair weather. In the inner prison, at the midnight hour, with feet fast in the stocks, God's servants sang praises unto him. Thus were they able to prove what the master had said, "Rejoice and be exceeding glad." His presence was with them; that was enough.

During my visit at Linwood I was permitted to meet many of the Brethren of the German Baptist church, those with whom I was associated in the years gone by; attended a